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SUBJECT: AVEROFF REPLIES TO PAPANDREOU

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1. ANDREAS PAPANDREOU AND DEFENSE MINISTER AVEROFF HAVE  
TRADED SHARP PUBLIC WORDS FOLLOWING PAPANDREOU'S  
SEPTEMBER 8 REMARKS ABOUT THE GREEK ARMED FORCES.

2. AVEROFF, WHO IS SECOND TO NONE IN HIS DISLIKE FOR  
PAPANDREOU, ISSUED A BRIEF STATEMENT SEPTEMBER 9 WHICH  
BEGAN WITH THE ASSERTION THAT PAPANDREOU'S "PAST AND  
PRESENT" POLITICAL STANCE GIVES HIM NO RIGHT TO "MAKE  
RECOMMENDATIONS" TO THE GREEK MILITARY. AVEROFF CON-  
CLUDED THAT "SOME OF THE THINGS" PAPANDREOU SAID ON  
SEPTEMBER 8 "PROVE THAT HE HAS NOT CHANGED HIS OLD  
CONSPIRATORIAL MENTALITY. WHEN PASOK DEMANDED THAT  
AVEROFF CLARIFY HIS REMARK ABOUT ITS LEADER'S  
"CONSPIRATORIAL MENTALITY", AVEROFF REFERED TO THE  
1965 CHARGES THAT PAPANDREOU WAS THEN INVOLVED IN  
MILITARY PLOTTING, ACCUSATIONS WHICH, AVEROFF SAID,  
RAISED "A FUROR" AND LED TO "IMMENSE POLITICAL  
CONSEQUENCES".

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3. COMMENT: IN THE MID-1960'S PAPANDREOU WAS ACCUSED  
OF INVOLVEMENT WITH A MURKY, CENTER/LEFT-OF-CENTER  
CONSPIRACY--THE SO-CALLED ASPIDA AFFAIR. THE  
REPRECUSSIONS OF THE ASPIDA AFFAIR ARE BELIEVED BY  
MANY GREEKS TO HAVE HELPED OPEN THE ROAD THAT LED TO THE  
COLLAPSE OF GREEK DEMOCRACY IN 1967.  
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